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Georgia Public Library Service is partnering with the Georgia Library Association's Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group to offer the bimonthly Wednesday Webinar Series. The free, online professional development seminars highlight trends, innovation and best practices in Georgia libraries.

"In order to establish the program quickly, we began a trial phase in June, offering two webinars each month through the summer," explained Pat Carterette, director of Continuing Education for GPLS.

"To our knowledge, no other state has such a series that focuses on what's happening in these areas at their local libraries, and so far, attendance has been overwhelming," she said. "Between 70 and 170 people have attended each session."

Presenters so far have included Georgia library staff representing all types of libraries. Movers and shakers like Buffy Hamilton, founder of "The Unquiet Library" at Creekview High School in Canton; Cliff Landis, Web

services librarian at Georgia State University in Atlanta; and Bobbi Newman, digital branch manager for the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries in Columbus, were among the first presenters. Topics thus far have included transliteracy, social media, e-learning and financial literacy. Georgia librarians attending webinars can earn continuing education units for the state's public library recertification program.



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"Even though we are primarily marketing the webinars to Georgians, dozens of attendees have joined us from multiple states across the United States as well as from other countries," Carterette said, citing domestic participants from as far away as

Oregon and Wyoming and international participants from India and Germany.

The next Wednesday Webinar will be held Nov. 17. Information about all upcoming sessions can be found at www.georgialibraries.org/events/webinars. An archive of all past sessions is available at www.georgialibraries.org/events/wednesday_webinars_archives. ►►



Bookmobile Librarian Christina Kaulbach helps Nate Melia choose a book.

Atlanta-Fulton news and notes

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (AFPL) system's bookmobile brings the library to the people, making visits to various community stops throughout Fulton County. The bookmobile carries hundreds of popular and useful adult, teen and children's books; audio books; and DVDs that can be checked out on-site.

The mission of the bookmobile is to primarily serve people and areas with limited access to the libraries. All items may be checked out with a valid Fulton County library card, and the bookmobile will also issue free cards to anyone who lives in Fulton County and the city of Atlanta in DeKalb with proof of residency.

To find information on the bookmobile, its full schedule of stops each month or to request a stop, visit www.afpls.org/bookmobile or call 404-310-9042.

AFPL's Children's Letter Writing Campaign won this year's National Association of Counties' Achievement Award in the volunteer category as well as its Best of Category Award. The yearlong program offered young library patrons an opportunity to practice their writing skills by composing letters of support to children of deployed